



From Massachusetts to California and Brazil to Beijing, Girl Scouts is proud to serve military families across our country and the world. Each day, we're inspired by the sisterhood of military-connected girls and volunteers who live and breathe our Girl Scout Promise to serve our country and continue to make a difference (and have fun!) while doing it. That's why this April, we're proud to celebrate our military-based Girl Scouts who give so much to our Movement during the Month of the Military Child. No matter where a family's military service takes girls, Girl Scouts is at the ready with tried-and-true programming and a supportive network that allows girls to continue their unique leadership journeys; build new friendships; and enjoy a reliable, safe space of their own.

How can you participate and celebrate?

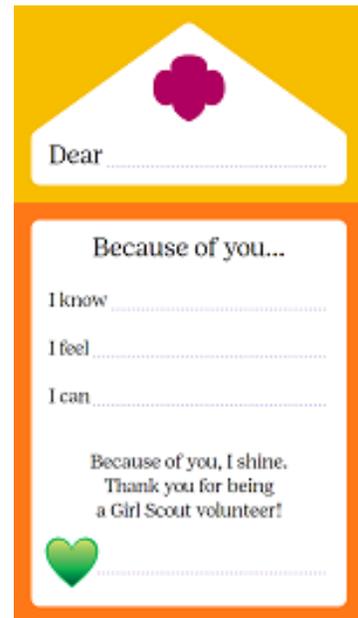
- Share your story on social media! Post a picture or video on social media using #MonthoftheMilitaryChild and #BecauseOfGirlScouts, and tag @girlscouts and @gsccc
- Enter the Poster / Essay contest open to Girl Scouts who are military family dependents
- Earn GSCCC's Explore patches for each military branch

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April is National Volunteer Appreciation Month

Hooray for our volunteers! This month we recognize April 22 as National Girl Scout Leader's Day and celebrate the thousands of leaders who volunteer their time and share their experiences with youth across the country. Who would you like to thank?

- [Use this e-card](#) to send a thank you note to that special volunteer.
- [Try these fun ideas](#) to say thanks in a big way.



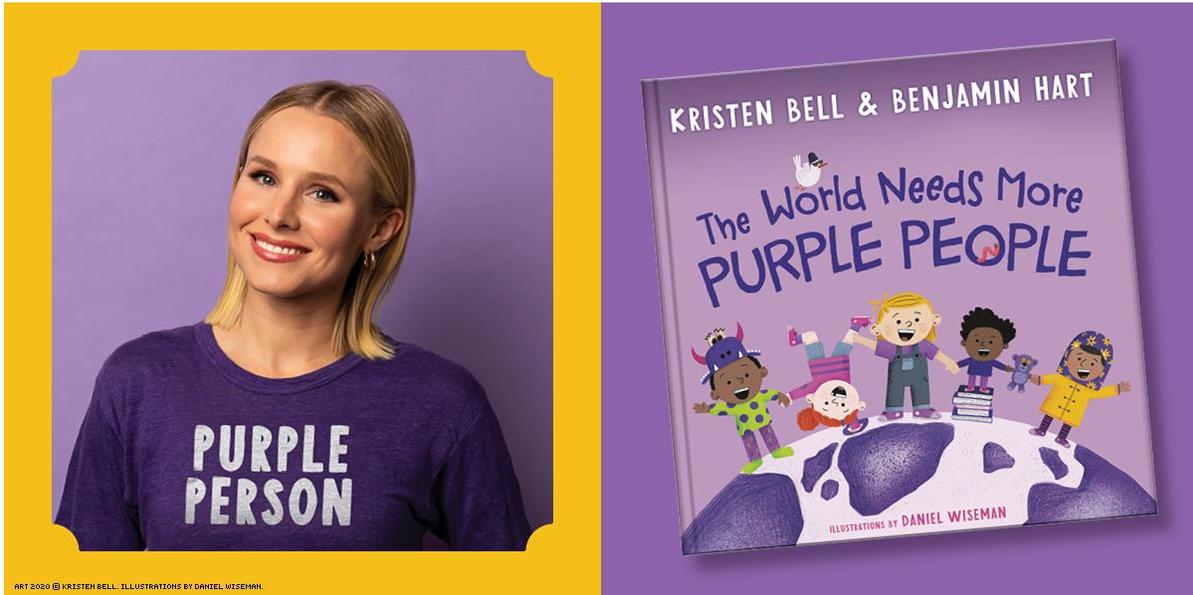
Early Renewal begins April 1

Now is the perfect time to start talking to your girl about next year! Why is early renewal important? Renewing early secures each girl's place in the troop, and allows for troops to plan ahead for the next year with plenty of time. The troop connection is always important, but even more so now. For many girls, troop meetings and activities, even virtually, have provided a much-needed break and some social normalcy that has been hard to come by. Let your girl know that she has a safe place to land in Girl Scouts.

Girls who renew **TODAY, April 1**, will be entered into a drawing for a free outdoor activity at one of our camps (to be held on June 18th), and receive the special First Day patch, designed by Girl Scout Brownie Bailey. Congratulations on your winning design, Bailey! (View the announcement on our [Facebook page](#).)



Girls who renew **by May 13** can register to attend "Kristen Bell and Girl Scouts: Paint Your World Purple" special event!



All girls who renew at any time during the early renewal period (**April 1 – May 31**) will earn a special Early Bird patch and some other great incentives. Click below to learn more!



RENEW TODAY

Cookie Program: Thank You!

We thank all our families for supporting their girls during the 2022 Girl Scout Cookie Program! Thanks to you, girls achieved goals, learned skills and got a taste of the entrepreneurial spirit.

Congratulations on your Cookie Flair! You can see pictures of all the Cookie Flair Contest winners on our [Facebook page](#). Stay tuned for the announcement of the grand prize winner next week!



Week 1 Winners:

- Troop 103-SU 230, Chloe & Ellanie
- Troop 557-SU 210, Alani & Olivia
- Troop 455-SU 240, Casey & McKenzie

Week 2 Winners:

- IRM-SU 340, Lilly
- Troop 94-SU 240, Evelyn & McKinley
- Troop 3621-SU 120, Avyanna & Abigail

Week 3 Winners:

- Troop 93-SU 230, Isabelle, Zoe & Isabella
- Troop 94-SU 240, Evelyn & Margo
- Troop 541-SU 250, Vivian, Julia, Campbell & Julia

Week 4 Winners:

- Troop 103-SU 230, Blake, Kimi & Chloe
- Troop 1307-SU 150, Bailey
- Troop 1325-SU 150, Addison & Isabella

Week 5 Winners:

- Troop 10-SU 340, Reese & Quinn
- Troop 1607-SU 430, Joely
- Troop 1027-SU 120, Lindsay & Erynn

Are you registered for Summer Camp?

Registration deadlines are coming up and summer will be here before you know it! Whether your Girl Scout is a first-time camper or an experienced outdoor enthusiast, Girl Scout camp is the best place for her to unleash her talents and find her inner leader. Get ready to Go, Do, Discover!

[Learn more about all our camps and sign up today!](#)



Camp Registration Deadlines:

RESIDENT Sessions:

Darden (June 19-24): May 29
Darden (June 26-July 1): June 5
Darden (July 3-6): June 12
Skimino (July 10-15): June 19
Skimino (July 17-July 22): June 26
Skimino (July 24-July 29): July 3

DAY Sessions:

Camp Fury (June 27-July 1): June 5
Apasus/Outback (August 1-5): July 10
Apasus/Outback (August 8-12): July 17
Apasus/Outback (August 15-19): July 24

Did you know?

Individuals, community groups and businesses can rent GSCCC properties! Consider using a GSCCC facility for your next church retreat, graduation celebration or birthday gathering. **Visit our site** to find out more or email customercare@gscucc.org for help in finding the best property fit for you.

April Scholarship Deadlines

Maylea Brockington Beasley Love & Laughter Scholarship

Application deadline: April 15

One scholarship is available to a graduating senior who is a member of a recognized Girl Scout troop of the Girl Scouts of Colonial Coast and has been the recipient of the Girl Scout Gold Award by their senior year of high school. Recipient must attend an accredited college or university.

She Believes She Can, So She Does Scholarship

Application deadline: April 29

This scholarship supports girls pursuing higher education opportunities, including vocational training and undergraduate education. The scholarship will provide more opportunities for girls looking to further their skills and education while contributing to the leadership and workforce pipeline.

[Learn more about these and other scholarships and apply today!](#)

Celebrate Earth Day with the Girl Scout Tree Promise

Girl Scouts across the country are setting out to plant five million trees in five years, and to protect and honor new and existing trees. Not only is this great for wildlife, it will also help ease the effects of climate change. Girl Scouts have already planted thousands of trees in all 50 states and globally. Let's keep going!



My Promise, My Faith Girl Scout Pin

Girls of all Girl Scout grade levels can earn the My Promise, My Faith pin, which complements existing religious recognitions and allows girls to further strengthen the connection between their faith and Girl Scouts. Once each year, a girl can earn the My Promise, My Faith pin by carefully examining the Girl Scout Law and tying it directly to tenets of her faith. You can find details on how to earn the pin and other religious recognitions at gsccc.org. If you have earned the pin this year, we'd love to hear from you! Email us at marcomm@gsccc.org.

What are Fun Patches and where do they go?

Patches are a way for girls to express their interests or share an activity that they participated in with their troop or on their own. There are **Council patch programs** that include requirements, such as Explore Women's History patch. There are also fun patches that girls can receive for participating in an event or doing an activity with their troop or own their own, such as Earth Day patch.

Have you been asking yourself just where in the world do these patches and badges go? All fun patches go on the back of the vest or sash, never on the front. Badges go on the front of the vest, on the girl's right side, with placement starting at the hemline and working up. If there is no more room, it is perfectly fine to place the badge on the back.

Here's a great [guide for vest and sash official insignia and badge placement](#) for all Girl Scout levels.

While many badges are iron-on, not all are. Sewing not your thing? Badge Magic is your new best friend! [Badge Magic is available online](#) or in the GSCCC shop for under \$10! Worth. Every. Penny.



Athletic Badges

Did you know there are five [Legacy Athletic badges](#)? With these badges, girls learn how to be a valuable member of a team by becoming familiar with the rules of the game and how to play so that everyone feels included. Girls learn what it takes to be a part of a team and support others on and off the field.

These badges connect girls to health, leadership, learning, and teamwork through sports. While having fun, staying active, and leading a healthy lifestyle, girls earn five age-appropriate athlete badges that teach them about fair play, practicing with a purpose, good sportsmanship, cross-training, and coaching. Perhaps your girl is already doing activities that meet badge requirements to earn an Athletic Badge!

GSCCC Shop Specials

Volunteer Appreciation Week is April 18-22.

Leaders will receive a “Leaders Have Heart” fun patch with purchase while supplies last.

April 6, 13, 20 and 27: Discount Wednesdays!

Pick an egg at checkout and receive a 10% or 15% discount off the entire purchase. May not be combined with any other offer.

Patch Programs:

April is the Month of the Military Child! We have adult T-shirts at \$15.00 each, and girls can earn these patches for exploring each branch of service:

- [Explore U.S. Air Force Pride Patch](#)
- [Explore U.S. Army Pride Patch](#)
- [Explore U.S. Coast Guard Pride Patch](#)
- [Explore U.S. Marine Pride Patch](#)
- [Explore U.S. Navy Pride Patch](#)



PLUS, new charms, 110th anniversary pins and \$1.10 polo shirts...there's a lot more to see, so let's **start shopping!**

Upcoming Events

Becoming an Outdoor Leader

Saturday, April 9, 9:00 - 11:00 AM

Girl Scout Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors: You will learn about general leadership styles, and also more about *your* leadership style. Everyone will get a chance to lead their peers in an activity, which can also be used when working with younger girls, where you will learn to receive feedback for improvements. Register by April 7.

Hockey 101

Saturday, April 16, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

4:00 p.m. - Event Workshops & Stations

6:30 p.m. - Game

Want to learn all about the game of hockey? Well here's your chance! This event will include stations about game rules, what gear is needed, possibly meeting some of the Norfolk Admirals players and practicing hockey before the game. Register by April 4.

It's Your Planet—Love It!

Saturday, April 23, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Chesapeake Arboretum

Learn all about how and where food is grown, harvested, processed, distributed and consumed, and why that matters. Plan a Take Action Project to share your knowledge with others. Arboretum staff and local farmers will be on hand to teach girls the importance of caring for our planet from earth to sky! *This is not a drop-off event.* Register by April 8.

Ongoing Badge Opportunities

There is so much you can do from home to keep earning and learning! There is a new Badge in a Box each month, plus STEM Clubs, Photography, Financial Literacy, the Science of Happiness, and more that you can start any time. Browse them on GSCCC Events.

Buy a Brick for Moms, Dads and Grads

Spring and summer holidays and milestones call for a lasting tribute. Buy a Brick to say "I love you" or "congratulations" for Mother's Day, Father's Day or that special graduating girl in your life. The bricks are placed around the flagpole at A Place for Girls. *(Date and time of the 2022 ceremony TBA.)*



From our Blog: In the Spotlight

- [Gold Award Spotlight: The Discovery Garden Outdoor Classroom](#)
- [Cookie Season Volunteer Spotlight: Amy Gary](#)
- [Girl Scouts Bridges Fun and Learning for Homeschooled Girls in Grades K-12](#)
- [Bronze Award Spotlight: "Recycle Your PLASTIC Before You TRASH It!"](#)

Now, [share your story](#) with GSCCC—we can't wait to hear from you!

GSCCC is going to Puerto Rico in 2024

Are you ready to TRAVEL?! Join us in making memories while traveling to Puerto Rico in the summer of 2024! This GSCCC trip is open to girls 13 years old at the time of travel with limited adult traveler spots. [Early Bird Discount if you sign up by April 30, 2022!](#) Contact [Eileen Livick](#) with questions.